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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ECUADOR

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: SUBSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOSE AYALA LASSO ASKED CHARGE TO MEET WITH HIM ON AFTERNOON OF MAY 11 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY TO ECUADOR. AYALA SAID GOE WELCOMED VISIT AS FURTHER EFFORT TO BETTER IMPROVING US/ECUADOREAN RELATIONS, PROVIDING US TOOK CERTAIN MEASURES TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF VISIT. GOE DESIRES THAT THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL MAKE STATEMENT THAT CAN BE PUBLICIZED IN ECUADOR THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO REMOVE RESTRICTION ON ECUADOREAN ACCESS TO GSP. GOE ASKES THAT DURING THE VISIT THE SECRETARY RECOGNIZE ECUADOR'S "PIONEERING" ROLE IN LOS, RECOGNIZE ECUADOR'S JURISDICTION OVER FISHERIES OUT TO 200 MILES, PLEDGE THE ADMINISTRATION'S INTENT TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW US FISHING LAW IN A MANNER NOT TO CAUSE DISCORD AMONG NATIONS, AND THE US DECISION TO ELIMINATE OBSTACLES TO SOFT LOANS FROM US APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO ECUADOR BY THE IDB. THE SUBSECRETARY ASKED THE CHARGE TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE GOE'S DESIRES AND LET THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE ITS RESPONSE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. EN SUMMARY.

2. SUBSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOSE AYALA LASSO

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ASKED THE CHARGE TO COME TO THE MINISTRY ON THE AFTER-

NOON OF MAY 11 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ECUADOR. PRESENT ALSO AT THE DISCUSSION WAS MANOLO PESANTES, THE SON OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND AYALA'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, AND THE POLCOUNS. THE SUB-SECRETARY BEGAN THE CONVERSATION BY RECOUNTING HIS MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL IN WHICH THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SECRETARY'S VISITING ECUADOR WAS DISCUSSED, DISCUSSIONS OF AMBASSADOR CARDENAS WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS SUBJECT, AND THE SUBSECRETARY'S LUNCH WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS ON APRIL 29 AT WHICH A POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE SECRETARY WAS FURTHER DISCUSSED.

3. SUBSECRETARY AYALA RECALLED EARLIER EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY TO ESTABLISH A "NEW DIALOGUE" WITH LATIN AMERICA AND THE ROLE ECUADOR HAD TAKEN IN CAUSING THE CANCELLATION OF THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING. THE SUB-SECRETARY SAID ECUADOR HAD BEEN COMPELLED TO TAKE SUCH A POSITION BECAUSE OF ITS EXCLUSION FROM THE GSP OF THE 1974 US TRADE LAW AND WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS USG DISCRIMINATORY AND COERCIVE MEASURES AGAINST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AYALA STATED THAT RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY BETWEEN ECUADOR AND THE US, AND THAT THE GOE WANTS THE IMPROVEMENT TO CONTINUE. HE SAID THE BELIEVED A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY COUPLED WITH CONCRETE GESTURES ON THE PART OF THE US COULD DO MUCH TO BETTER OUR IMPROVING RELATIONSHIPS AND SAID THAT THE GOE WOULD WELCOME SUCH A VISIT.

4. AYALA SAID HE HAD TOLD ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS THAT SPECIFIC MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO INSURE THE SECRETARY'S TRIP WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT THE ATMOSPHERE MUST BE PREPARED FOR THE VISIT. THE SUBSECRETARY SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MAKE A PUBLIC DECLARATION PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL TO ECUADOR THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT THE REMOVAL BY THE US CONGRESS OF ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA'S EXCLUSION FROM GSP; AND THAT THE US WILL STUDY WAYS TO AVOID ACTIONS DISCRIMINATORY AND HARMFUL TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. IN ADDITION TO A STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO THE VISIT THAT COULD BE GIVEN PUBLICITY IN ECUADOR,
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THE SUBSECRETARY STATED THAT THE GOE IS ASKING THE SECRETARY TO MAKE CERTAIN STATEMENTS DURING HIS VISIT THAT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IN BETTERING OUR ALREADY IMPROVED RELATIONSHIPS. THE SUBSECRETARY PROPOSED THAT THESE MIGHT BEST BE INCLUDED IN A SPEECH OR LENGTHY TOAST WHICH THE SECRETARY WOULD GIVE AT A LUNCH OR DINNER HOSTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER. FOLLOWING ARE THE STATEMENTS DESIRED BY THE GOE:

A) RECONGITION BY THE XECRETARY OF THE IMPORTANT, LEADING, AND "PIONEERING" LROLE THAT ECUADOR HAS PLAYED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAW OF THE SEA DURING THE PAST QUARTER CENTRUY.

B) RECOGNITION THAT ECUADOR EXERCISES JURISDICTION OVER FISHING OUT TO 200 MILES (NOT RECOGNITION OF TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION) IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH THE US CONGRESS HAS PASSED INTO LAW AND THE PRESIDENT HAS SIVGNEED FOR US JURISDICTION OVER FISHERIES OUT TO 200 MILES. THE SUBSECRETARY EMBPHASIZED THAT SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD MERELY ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT IS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT, AND THAT ECUADOR WAS NOT ASKING RECOGNITION OF ITS 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIM.

C) REPEAT THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT FORD WHEN HE SIGNED THE US FISHING LAW ABOUT PORTIONS OF THAT LAW WHICH COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS IN US RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, AND STATE THE INTENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO IMPLEMENT THE LAW IN SUCH A WAY AS TO BRING HARMONY," NOT DISCORD, WITH OTHER NATIONS.

D) ANNOUNCE THE ELIMINATION OF OBSTACLES TO THE USE OF US DOLLARS FOR IDB CONCESSIONAL LOANS TO ECUADOR. THE SUBSECRETARY STATED HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT SUCH OBSTACLES COULD BE REMOVED.

E) FINALLY, RECOGNIZE THAT THE GOE, IN KEEPING WITH ECUDOR'S HISTORY, RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS AND INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM. THE SUBSECRETARY SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ECUADOR ITSELF HAS A MILITARY GOVERNMENT, IT FEELS A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE AT BEING INCLUDED IN THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO THOSE COUNTRIES NOT INCLUDED ON HIS FIRST TRIP, SUCH AS CHILE (OF COURSE A NECES-
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SARY STOP), BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY, INASMUCH AS THERE HAVE BEEN QUESTIONS REGARDING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN MOST OF THESE COUNTRIES.

6. AYALA SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED ALL OF THESE POINTS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM C.

7. THE CHARGE RESPONDED TO THE SUBSECRETARY'S PRESENTA-

TION BY NOTING THAT MOST OF THE POINTS COVERED WERE NOT MIW, AND THAT THE EMBASSY AND ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY AND SERIOUSLY ON THEM. HE STATED HIS DOUBTS THAT THE SECRETARY COULD SPEAK OF ECUADOREAN JURISDICTION OVER FISHERIES OUT TO 2001 MILES WITHOUT MENTIONING EXCEPTIONS, I.E., TUNA. HE OBSERVED THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW US FISHING LEGIS-

LATION IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS YET DETERMINED WHAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE LAW AND THAT ANY REFERENCE TO IT COULD PROBABLY BE MADE ONLY IN THE SAME TERMS ALREADY EXPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE CHARGE ASKED THE SUBSECRETARY IF THE MEASURES PROPOSED AS NECESSARY FOR INSURING A SUCCESSFUL VISIT BY THE SECRETARY WERE A COMPLETE PACKAGE IN FORM OF A SINE QUA NON FOR THE VISIT. THE SUBSECRETARY RESPONDED THAT ALL OF THE ITEMS INCLUDED WERE CONSIDERED BY THE GOE TO BE IMPORTANT POLITICALLY BUT THAT IT WAS NOT A CLOSED PACKAGE. HE STATED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE; AND REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY COULD ADD GREATLY TO US/ECUADOREAN RELATIONS, BUT MUST BE CAREFULLY PREPARED IN ORDER TO ASSURE THIS.

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